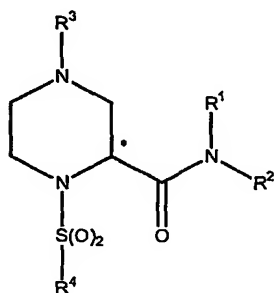


What is claimed is:

1. A method for treating infertility in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal suspected of infertility a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula I:



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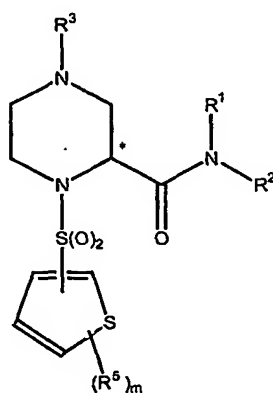
wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from the group comprising or consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl aryl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl heteroaryl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl aryl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl heteroaryl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl aryl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl heteroaryl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl carboxy, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl, C_3 - C_8 -(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl acyloxy, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl alkoxy, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl acylamino, acylamino, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl ureido, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl carbamate, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl amino, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl ammonium, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfonyloxy, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfonyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfinyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfanyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfonylamino, or C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl aminosulfonyl;

R^3 is C_1 - C_{16} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{16} -alkenyl, C_2 - C_{16} -alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl

chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl aryl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl heteroaryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl aryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl heteroaryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl aryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl carboxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl, C₃-C₈-(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl acyloxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl alkoxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl acylamino, acylamino, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl ureido, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl carbamate, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl amino, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl ammonium, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfonyloxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfinyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfanyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfonylamino, or C₁-C₁₆-alkyl aminosulfonyl; R⁴ is C₁-C₁₂-alkyl, C₂-C₁₂-alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂-alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, or amino; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

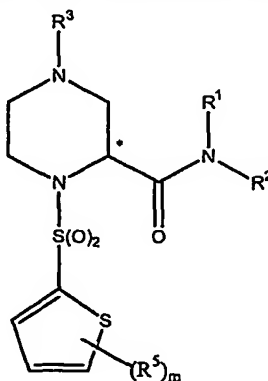
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the compound of Formula I is such as R¹ is H.
3. A method according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the compound of Formula I is such as R² is selected from aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl.
4. A method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the compound of Formula I is such as R⁴ is selected from C₁-C₆-alkyl, amino, aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8-membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl.

5. A method of treatment according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the compound of Formula I is such as R^1 is H; R^2 is aryl; R^3 is selected from C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_1 - C_8 -acyl amino and C_1 - C_8 -alkyl acyl and R^4 is selected from C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, amino, aryl and heteroaryl.
6. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the compound has the following Formula II:

**II**

wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are the same as defined above in Formula I; each R^5 is independently halogen, hydroxy or the same as defined for R^1 ; m is an integer of from 0 to 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

7. A method of claim 1 wherein the compound has the following Formula III:

**III**

wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are each the same as defined above in Formula I; each R^5 is independently halogen, hydroxy or the same as defined for R^1 ; m is an integer of from 0 to 4; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

8. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein R^1 is hydrogen and R^2 is other than hydrogen.
9. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein R^2 is aryl or heteroaryl.
10. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein R^3 is alkyl having five or more carbon atoms.
11. A method of claim 10 wherein R^3 is an n-alkyl group.
12. A method of claim 1 wherein R^4 is optionally substituted alkyl, aryl heteroaryl.
13. A method of any one of claims 1 through 12 wherein R^2 comprises a carbazolyl, tetrahydro-beta-carbolinyl or benzimidazolyl moiety.
14. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the compound of formula I is selected from the following group:
 - 4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridinyl-3-yl-1H-benzoimidazol-5-yl)-amide;
 - 4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide]-1-pentylamide;
 - 4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-ethylamide 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide];
 - {[3-(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)carbamoyl]-4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1-carbonyl]-amino}acetic acid ethyl ester;
 - 4-pentanoyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl) amide;

4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl) amide;

4-dimethylsulfamoyl-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide] 1-pentylamide;

4-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-pentylamide;

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-pentylamide 3-[(3-pyridin-4-yl-phenyl)-amide];

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-{[2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-amide};

4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)-amide;

4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-amide;

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[(3-imidazol-1-yl-propyl)-amide];

4-pentyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)amide;

4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)amide;

4-(3-methylsulfanyl-propyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide;

4-(4-ethyl-furan-3-ylmethyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide;

3-(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-ylcarbamoyl)-4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazin-1-yl] acetic acid ethyl ester;

1-benzenesulfonyl-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;

4-pentyl-1-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;

4-hexyl-1-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;

1-(4-fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
 1-(2-fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
 4-octyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
 4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
 1-dimethylsulfamoyl-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
 1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
 4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
 4-(3-methylsulfanyl-propyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
 4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[(2-methoxy-ethyl)-amide];
 4-octyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

15. A method for treatment of a subject suffering from or susceptible to a disease or disorder associated with phosphodiesterase PDE4, adenosine transporters, or prostanoid receptors, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1 to 14.

16. A method of any one of claims 1 through 15 wherein the mammal is a human.

17. A method of any one of claims 1 through 16 wherein the mammal is a female.

18. A method of claim 17 wherein the mammal is suffering from an ovulatory

disorder.

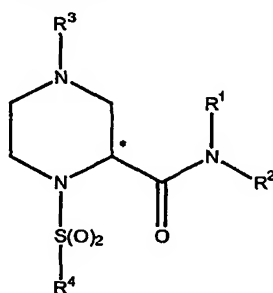
19. A method of claim 17 wherein the mammal is being treated with an assisted reproduction procedure.

20. A method of claim 17 wherein the mammal is undergoing in-vitro fertilization.

21. A method of any one of claims 1 through 16 wherein the mammal is a male.

22. A method of any one of claims 21 wherein the mammal is a male suffering from a spermatogenesis disorder.

23. A compound according to Formula I :



I

wherein R¹ is H;

R² is selected from aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8-membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl;

R³ is selected from C₁-C₁₆-alkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl, monocyclic aryl, monocyclic heteroaryl, 3-8-membered monocyclic cycloalkyl, monocyclic heterocycloalkyl, acyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl aryl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl heteroaryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl aryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl heteroaryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl aryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl carboxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl, C₃-C₈-(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl acyloxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl alkoxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl

acylamino, acylamino, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfinyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfanyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl ureido, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl carbamate, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl amino and C₁-C₁₆-alkyl ammonium;

R⁴ is selected from C₁-C₁₂-alkyl, C₂-C₁₂-alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, and amino; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

24. A compound according to claim 23 wherein R² is selected from aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl.

25. A compound according to claims 23 or 24, wherein R⁴ is selected from C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl amino, aryl, heteroaryl, 3-8-membered cycloalkyl and heterocycloalkyl.

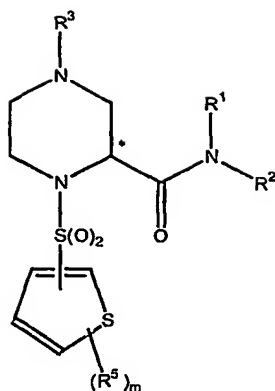
26. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 25, wherein R² is aryl; R³ is selected from C₁-C₈-alkyl, C₁-C₈-acyl amino and C₁-C₈-alkyl acyl and R⁴ is selected from C₁-C₆-alkyl, amino, aryl and heteroaryl.

27. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 26, wherein R² is fused phenyl

28. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 27, wherein R⁴ is thienyl

29. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 28 having the following Formula II:

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wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from the group comprising or consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl aryl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl heteroaryl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl aryl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl heteroaryl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl aryl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl heteroaryl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_{12} -alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl carboxy, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl, C_3 - C_8 -(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl acyloxy, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl alkoxy, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl acylamino, acylamino, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl ureido, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl carbamate, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl amino, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl ammonium, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfonyloxy, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfonyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfinyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfanyl, C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl sulfonylamino, or C_1 - C_{12} -alkyl aminosulfonyl;

R^3 is C_1 - C_{16} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{16} -alkenyl, C_2 - C_{16} -alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused

with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl aryl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl heteroaryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl aryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl heteroaryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl aryl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl cycloalkyl, C₂-C₁₆-alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl carboxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl, C₃-C₈-(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl acyloxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl alkoxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl acylamino, acylamino, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl ureido, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl carbamate, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl amino, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl ammonium, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfonyloxy, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfonyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfinyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfanyl, C₁-C₁₆-alkyl sulfonylamino, or C₁-C₁₆-alkyl aminosulfonyl;

R⁴ is C₁-C₁₂-alkyl, C₂-C₁₂-alkenyl, C₂-C₁₂-alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from N, O or S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group;

R⁵ is independently halogen, hydroxy or the same as defined for R¹; m is an integer of from 0 to 4.

30. A compound according to any of the claims 23 to 29 wherein R² comprises a carbazolyl, tetrahydro-beta-carbolinyl or a benzimidazolyl moiety.

31. A compound according to any of the claims 23 to 30 that is selected from the following group:

4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridinyl-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-amide);

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide]-1-pentylamide;

4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-ethylamide 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide];

{[3-(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-ylcarbamoyl)-4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1-carbonyl]-amino}acetic acid ethyl ester;
4-pentanoyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl) amide;
4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl) amide;
4-dimethylsulfamoyl-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)amide] 1-pentylamide;
4-(1-methyl-1H-imidazole-4-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-pentylamide;
4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 1-pentylamide 3-[(3-pyridin-4-yl-phenyl)-amide];
4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[[2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-amide];
4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)-amide;
4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzoimidazol-5-yl)-amide;
4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[(3-imidazol-1-yl-propyl)-amide];
4-pentyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)amide;
4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-oxo-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-beta-carbolin-6-yl)amide;
4-(3-methylsulfanyl-propyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide;
4-(4-ethyl-furan-3-ylmethyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide;
3-(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-ylcarbamoyl)-4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1-yl] acetic acid ethyl ester;
1-benzenesulfonyl-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzoimidazol-5-yl) amide;

4-pentyl-1-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
4-hexyl-1-thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
1-(4-fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
1-(2-fluoro-benzenesulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
4-octyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
4-heptyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
1-dimethylsulfamoyl-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
1-(butane-1-sulfonyl)-4-hexyl-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
4-hexyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
4-(3-methylsulfanyl-propyl)-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide;
4-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-1,3-dicarboxylic acid 3-[(9-ethyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-amide] 1-[(2-methoxy-ethyl)-amide];
4-octyl-1-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (1-ethyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl) amide.

32. A compound according to any one of claims 23 through 31 for use as a medicament.

33. Use of a compound of any one of claim 1 through 31 for preparation of a medicament to treat infertility.

34. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier

and one or more compounds of any one of claims 1 through 31.

35. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 34 wherein the compound is packaged together with instructions for use of the compound to treat infertility.